

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 348

By Hill

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Corporal James M. VanHuss upon receiving the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, one such honorable individual who has nobly served the United States is Corporal James M. VanHuss, who was recently presented with a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal from the Secretary of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Corporal VanHuss received this great honor for exemplary service and superior performance during his second tour in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, during which he served as a scout sniper with the Scout Sniper Platoon, Headquarters and Service Company, First Battalion, 24<sup>th</sup> Marines, in Fallujah, Iraq; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2007, Corporal James VanHuss performed his duties with the utmost bravery and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, while Sniper Team 3 was providing tactical over-watch for its own team, the 4<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Group, and the Fallujah City Council, the groups came under a sudden and intense attack from multiple locations; and

WHEREAS, observing the assault from a firing position, Corporal VanHuss quickly and skillfully identified the enemy machine gun firing on the civil affairs Marines and effectively responded to the enemy by engaging in swift and accurate rifle fire; and

WHEREAS, due to his sharp precision, Corporal James VanHuss silenced the machine guns, enabling the Iraqi Police to launch a successful counterattack against the insurgents; and

WHEREAS, Corporal James VanHuss's courageous actions, initiative, and complete dedication to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Corporal VanHuss is a meritorious citizen who brings great pride and honor to the Volunteer State, and he is deserving of the respect and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize Corporal James M. VanHuss, United States Marine Corps Reserve, for his outstanding bravery and service to the United States Navy and Marine Corps and to the citizens of the State of Tennessee, congratulate him upon receiving the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and extend to him our gratitude for his valiant service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.